

House Resolution No. 4238

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased and proud to pause in the course of their diverse daily activities to recognize milestone events of Missouri's religious institutions; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Nashua Baptist Church, in Kansas City, Missouri, which has observed its 100th anniversary with a special centennial celebration of worship, praise, and fellowship on August 3, 2008, with an anniversary theme of "Past ... Future" and with former pastors Holt Sodeman, Ben Kelley, and Gene Vickrey as guest speakers; and

Whereas, established in midsummer of 1907, the Nashua Baptist Church was officially organized on August 10, 1908, with the first church building being dedicated on August 9, 1909; and

Whereas, the present church building was erected in 1948, and today Dr. Stephen J. Andrews serves as pastor and is the forty-second pastor to minister to the Nashua Baptist Church members over its one-hundred-year history; and

Whereas, Nashua Baptist Church was founded with twelve charter members, Miss Kathryn Adams, Mr. S.F. Collins, Mrs. Mary A. Collins, Mrs. S.M. Gibbs, Mr. T.D. St. John, Mrs. Sally St. John, Mrs. J.A. St. John, Mr. J.A. St. John, Miss Virda M. St. John, Mrs. Lillie Swarengin, Mrs. Jennie Shanklin, and Mrs. Ellen Taylor; and

Whereas, out of those twelve charter members has grown a congregation of more than four hundred and seventy-five, and two great-great-granddaughters of charter members T.D. and Sally St. John attended the August 3rd celebration; and

Whereas, the ministries of Nashua Baptist Church have expanded to meet the needs of God's people by having sponsored mission/churches in Missouri and Kansas, including Tracy Baptist Church, in Tracy, Missouri; Northland Baptist Church, in Kansas City, Missouri; Tiffany Springs Baptist Church, in Tiffany Springs, Missouri; Neosho Rapids Baptist Mission, in Neosho Rapids, Kansas; and Northway Baptist Chapel, in Kansas City, Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Nashua Baptist Church on the illustrious occasion of its 100th anniversary, with our very best wishes for continued success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Nashua Baptist Church.

Offered by _____
Representative Ryan Silvey
District No. 38

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4238, adopted September 26, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker